

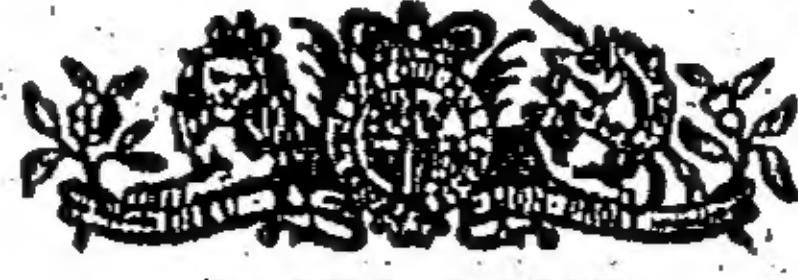


THE WEATHER

Moderate and occasionally gusty easterly winds. Cloudy with occasional fair periods this afternoon and patches of drizzle in the evening. Noon Temp: 68 degrees. Humid: 81 p.c.

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PUBLICISING
HONGKONG

RUSHING into print is not usually regarded as one of the virtues of the Hongkong businessman. He is — or rather was — better known as a reticent, cautious and quietly calculating fellow. But today the Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated for taking a leaf out of their American counterpart's book and becoming publicly conscious. As Colonel J. D. Clague, the Chairman, explained yesterday Hongkong must take every opportunity to make its case known abroad and have its problems understood.

Not content with giving advice to Government, the Chamber has given a lead by appointing representatives to publicise the Colony in America. But it is a pity, as Colonel Clague says, that there is no one to speak for Hongkong at the current Tariff Commission hearings, even though the Colony is relying on America's reluctance to take action against Japanese exports to escape restrictions.

THERE has been so much criticism of Hongkong in recent months in America that this would have been an ideal opportunity to set the record right. It does the Colony no good to allow mis-statements to go uncorrected and to leave misconceptions to take root. Hongkong had enough trouble getting British people to accept the facts. How much harder it is going to be in a country like America where there are no kindred ties of any kind.

Colonel Clague announced that PR men are to be attached to the Department of Commerce and Industry here and to the Government office in London. It seems that a good publicity man could combine this work with another job that needs doing — selling Hongkong as an industrial centre and encouraging certain categories of overseas manufacturers to think of expanding in this direction. Again, Hongkong's new trade offices in Sydney and New York should eventually become centres of publicity and information. This is far preferable to appointing resident consultants. For while they may be better acquainted with publicity media in their own country it needs a local man to present the Hongkong case effectively. So much for what may be described as fixed-pitch PR men.

BY far the best way of publicising Hongkong, however, is the travelling delegation. Dr S. N. Chau and before him Colonel Clague and their delegations have put Hongkong on the map in Australia, just as we are certain that a group of MLCs will put Hongkong on the map when they visit Britain. The sheer novelty of new personalities, new faces and new characters from some far-away part of the world is bound to make the greatest appeal and provide the most favourable opportunities for publicity.

However while Hongkong people may differ on the best way of publicising their Colony and its problems, there must be no delay in improving our public relations abroad. The Chamber of Commerce must be commended for recognising this deficiency and acting upon it so swiftly and thoroughly and the hope is that their efforts will be rewarded by a little more East-West harmony than we have witnessed of late.

THREE NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

**Iron bars
crash
160 feet
into
street**

Three people narrowly escaped death shortly before noon today when 300 lbs of angle irons fell into Wyndham Street from the 13th floor of the new Shell Building. But a sedan-chair coolie was less fortunate. He was hit in the buttocks by one of the bars and sustained a three-inch wound.

Three feet away a car driven by a woman was backing out of a parking space seconds before the bars crashed down. The car collected a layer of dust. A workman on the construction site told how he happened to look up and see the irons falling. He dodged inside the building in the nick of time.

The angle irons were being hoisted to the 13th floor when the wooden box in which they were held bumped against the steel scaffolding and the impact sent the metal bars crashing to the ground.



This picture was taken by our photographer minutes after 300 lbs of angle irons crashed into Wyndham Street from a height of about 160 feet. A sedan-chair coolie was slightly injured.

Allegedly murdered constable

London, Mar. 22. A man charged with murdering a policeman was alleged in court here yesterday to have said he only wanted to shake him off his car.

According to the prosecution, the accused man, Jim Smith, 32, a dealer, was driving a car on March 2 when he was asked to stop by the policeman, Constable Leslie Mechan. He began to accelerate and Constable Mechan hung on to the car. The prosecution said that Smith drove so as to try and shake him off and Constable Mechan fell into the path of a small car.

"I KNOW HIM"
A policeman who later interviewed Smith said today that when he told Smith he believed Constable Mechan was dead, Smith said "I know the man. I wouldn't do that for the world. I only wanted to shake him off."

Smith was further alleged to have said that he did not mean to kill Mechan but he did not want him to find certain articles in the car.

Smith was sent for trial at the Old Bailey. He pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. —China Mail Special.

Junk capsizes: crew rescued

A fishing junk capsized at 8 a.m. yesterday off Kao Tso, South Mts Bay, in British waters because of strong winds.

Seven men and a woman were rescued by a passing junk. A woman, four girls and two boys were missing. They were believed to have been drowned.

The junk was towed to Top Mun for salvaging.

Another report about a capsizing junk with 30 people aboard reached the police about 11.50 a.m. yesterday.

Three marine police launches and a helicopter searched the waters north of Lamma Island for three hours without sighting anything.

Former PM of Pakistan denies charges

Lahore, Mar. 22. The former Pakistani Prime Minister Mr Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, who is accused of corruption, told a tribunal here today he had "not a yard of property" and practically no bank balance when he left office.

Mr Suhrawardy, who was Prime Minister in 1956-57, told an elective bodies disqualification tribunal he would contest 11 seven charges of corruption and maladministration brought against him.

(The tribunals are giving a number of former politicians the choice of either retiring voluntarily for a specific number of years or facing trial.) —Reuter.

MONTY
COMING
HERE

London, Mar. 22. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein said tonight that he would be staying in Hongkong for three days prior to visiting China. He will be leaving London on May 18.

Lord Montgomery announced he was going to China on his return in January from a visit to India.

He said he had received a very warm welcome to go to Peking and see Mr Mao Tse-tung and members of the Chinese Government. —Reuter.

Macedonia quake: big damage

Belgrade, Mar. 22. An earthquake in Macedonia near the Albanian border 10 days ago destroyed or seriously damaged 2,382 houses and left about 10,000 persons homeless, it was revealed from reports reaching here tonight.

According to incomplete figures the earthquake caused a damage of about 1,500,000,000 dinars (about £1,800,000), the reports said. —Reuter.

Bus collision

Camden, Mar. 22. A bus carrying Negro children to school was in collision with a goods train at a level crossing near here today.

Six people were killed, and 14 others injured, according to first reports. —Reuter.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN LONDON OVER RIOTS

London, Mar. 22. About 600 demonstrators chanting "murder" clashed with police outside South Africa house in London today.

Bishop calls for inquiry into shooting

Capetown, Mar. 22. The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt. Rev. Ambrose Reeves tonight called for a judicial inquiry into the police shooting at Sharpeville.

He said that he was shocked and deeply disturbed after visiting some of the wounded people from the riot, at the Baragwanath non-European Hospital.

After questioning some of the wounded he told reporters: "The time has come when all those in South Africa who have any human feeling must demand that the tactics used by police to quell riots, must cease immediately."

DEATH TOLL

Official figures announced tonight said that 72 Africans were shot dead by police, and 182 wounded in yesterday's rioting in the Johannesburg and Capetown areas.

The death toll from yesterday's riots mounted today with the deaths of four wounded in hospital.

In addition, another African died in hospital tonight after being shot by a police search-party in the Langa native location.

Although three Africans were taken to hospital after police opened fire again in Langa township near here today, the Pan-African Congress anti-pass campaign passed its second day more quietly.

In Johannesburg, Capetown and Pretoria, about 150 Africans walked into police stations without their passes, inviting arrest — but apart from Langa, yesterday's other main centres of trouble stayed quiet under heavy police guard.

The Capetown Labour Department today reported heavy absenteeism among African workers, varying from 60 to 80 per cent. The position in the city was still tense. —Reuter.

40 mph speed limit proves a success

London, Mar. 22. Road accident rates fell when a 40-mph an hour speed limit was experimentally imposed on London roads which previously had no speed limit, according to a Ministry of Transport report published here today.

The normal speed limit in built-up areas in Britain is 30 miles an hour.

The report said on roads previously limited to 30 mph, the raising of the limit to 40 caused no appreciable change in speeds or accident rates, but "encouraged a better standard of enforcement."

Parliament will be asked shortly to approve the necessary measures to bring 40 mph limits into force in suitable outer-suburban roads throughout the country. —Reuter.

Macmillan rejects Suez probe

London, Mar. 22. Prime Minister Macmillan today rejected demands for an investigation to determine who was responsible for starting the Suez conflict of 1956.

Opposition MPs in the House of Commons asked for a Royal Commission to probe longstanding charges that Britain, France and Israel plotted together for the invasion of Egypt. —AP.

Disturbances reported in Nyasaland

Zomba, Mar. 22. Police today used tear gas and batons to disperse a hostile crowd of stone-throwing Africans who were blocking a road in the Manje area, about 40 miles east of Blantyre in Nyasaland's southern province.

Four Africans were hurt, none of them seriously, a Government spokesman said.

About 300 Africans blocked the road where the riot took place.

Six Africans were arrested.

ARRESTED

The riot occurred after the District Commissioner and a unit of mobile police had arrested 13 Africans at a village near Manje.

The arrests followed incidents yesterday when tents of an Assistant District Commissioner and an Agricultural Officer were pulled down.

The Government spokesman said there was no apparent reason for this destructive behaviour.

There has been a state of emergency in Nyasaland for more than a year following disturbances in which Manje was one of the trouble areas. In the last disturbances roving bands of Africans armed with axes, bicycle chains and other weapons burnt and looted Asian stores and threatened African labourers on tea estates.

Today's disturbance was the first of any size in this area since then. —Reuter.

Hongkong secretary wins lottery

London, Mar. 22. An English girl who went to Hongkong as a secretary four months ago has won £20,000 in a lottery, her mother said today.

The girl, Miss Pamela Forrest, 28, expected to stay three years in Hongkong, then come home to get married.

But because of the win, she has advanced her wedding to next June, Mrs M. Forrest said.

Mrs Forrest heard the good news in a letter from her daughter, who said she was coming home soon. —Reuter.

The crowd milled around the big white building on Trafalgar Square to protest against the bloodshed in Monday's South African riot at Sharpeville. Brandishing protest banners and flourishing newspapers, the demonstrators tried to crash through the police cordon. At least one man was arrested.

The demonstration built up earlier in the morning with 200 pickets parading silently round South Africa house.

Their banners read "Blood on your hands" and "We mourn the people you murdered."

Five Labour Party MPs tried to go in and see the High Commissioner but were turned away.

Refused

Meanwhile, the British Government refused Labour demands for an expression of sympathy for victims of the riots.

Labour Party leaders also failed to win a one-hour suspension of the House of Commons as a sign of the nation's shock at the bloody outbreaks.

The issue was raised by Labour leader, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, who called on the Government to say how many British citizens or subjects were killed or wounded when white police fired on negro demonstrators.

The Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr C. J. Alport, replied that Britain's High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir John Maud, had been asked to investigate this matter.

Labour members were not satisfied with Mr Alport's answer.

Fifty of them signed a motion demanding a Commons debate on the shootings and calling on the Government to protest to South Africa "in the strongest possible terms."

Tonight a small group of students and teachers joined in a "silent demonstration" outside South Africa Government offices in London.

Five of the pickets carried South African boycott placards with the word "murder" pasted across in six-inch, red lettering. Others distributed leaflets.

Six policemen at the scene kept the small group of demonstrators on the move and there were no reports of disorders. —AP.

DAMAGES AWARD REVERSED

London, Mar. 22. The English Court of Appeal yesterday upset a jury's award of £14,245 damages to a 15-year-old boy who will probably have to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

By a majority of two to one, the three judges allowed appeals by the two car owners involved against the award to the injured boy, John Flack, son of Mr John Porter Flack, film director.

FAILED

Two judges said they regretfully concluded that the plaintiff had failed to prove negligence by the two motorists. The third judge said he would have dismissed the appeals.

John Flack was cycling behind a car driven by Mr William Withers when the car stopped and the boy tumbled into the back was thrown into the path of another car owned by the C.G. Spencer Company and seriously injured.

The jury had apportioned damages of £11,100 against Withers and £2,345 against the C.G. Spencer Company. Both John and his father were granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords, final court of appeal. —China Mail Special.

Leading Czech official and wife commit suicide

Prague, Mar. 22.
A leading member of the Czech Government has committed suicide. He was Emmanuel Slechta, President of the Socialist Party and Minister of Construction.

Belgian Congo riots revealed

Brussels, Mar. 22.
At least one African was killed and several injured when state police fired on rioting mobs in Kigali, Rwanda-Urundi, earlier this month, the Belgian Radio reported today.

Police opened fire when the Africans attacked them, the radio said.

It reported 1,100 huts were destroyed and 700 families had fled from the riot areas—some to neighbouring British Uganda.

The radio said the incidents occurred between March 9 and 13, and were provoked by rumours and tracts circulating among the Africans of this U.N. trust territory. These were to the effect that immediate independence would be granted by the visiting U.N. mission now touring Rwanda-Urundi.—AP.

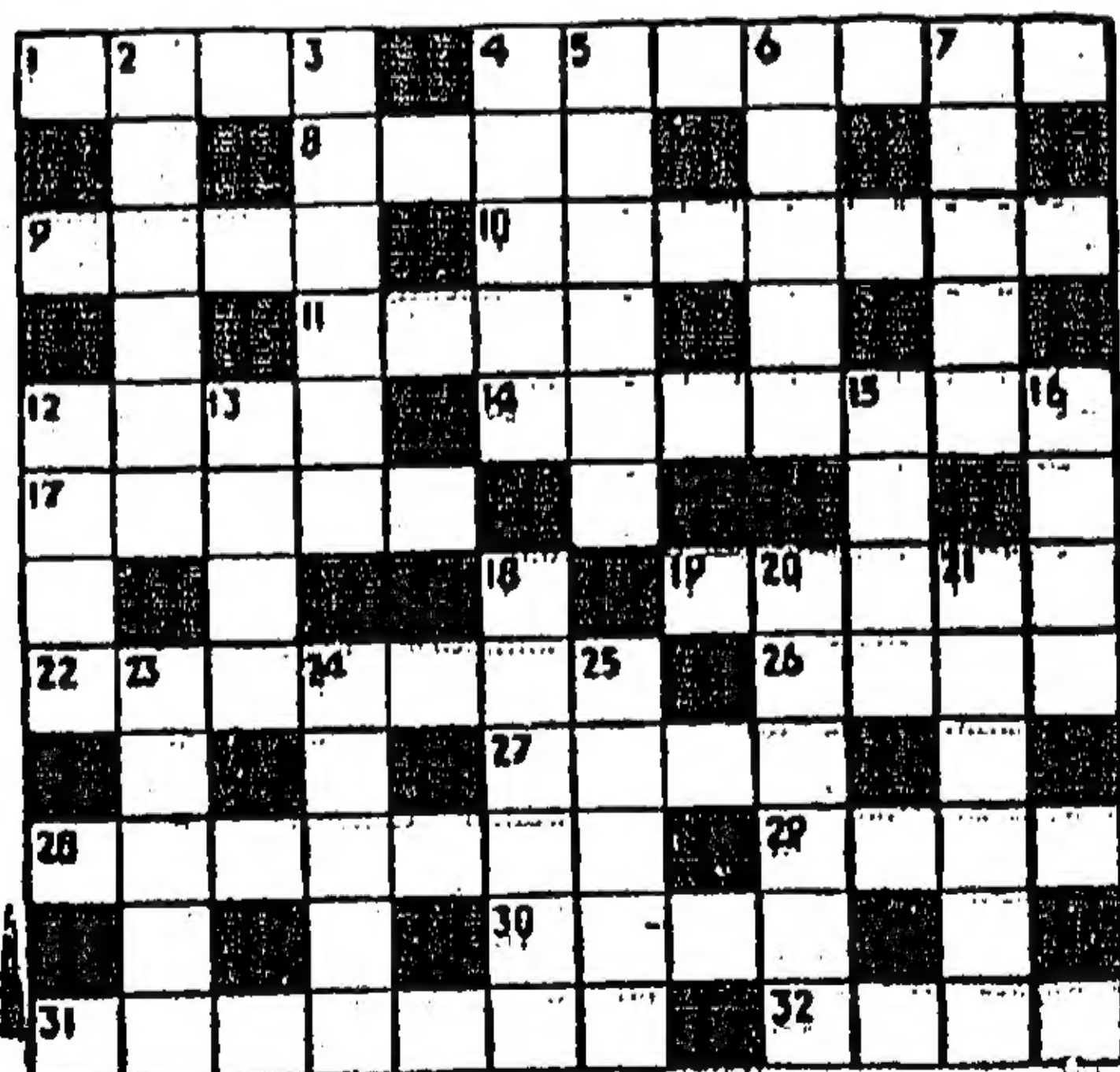
UN aid projects for children

United Nations, Mar. 22.
The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund today approved allocations amounting to more than \$8,300,000 for aid projects for children in 48 countries and territories, including Indonesia, Pakistan and India. These were the first allocations made by the board in 1960. Of the money approved, just over half will be used for 39 disease control programmes, principally dealing with malaria eradication work.—Reuter.

Ministries reduced

Colombo, Mar. 22.
Dudley S. Senanayake, the new Prime Minister, decided today to cut the number of government ministries from 15 to 12 and to entrust all functions to a Cabinet of eight ministers.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Serious composition (4).
 - Descriptive of our enemies (7).
 - King in Little Arabia (4).
 - Free from restraint (4).
 - First name substitute (7).
 - Fete in Portugal always (4).
 - Sky hear (4).
 - Russians find them plain (7).
 - Fishing in bed (8).
 - The fish was left (6).
 - Put right at noon? (7).
 - Imitates animals (4).
 - Sounds like "B" dirty look (4).
 - Impassible play on tooth (7).
 - Proposition (4).
 - A belly of good intent (4).
 - Colloquial introduction (7).
 - Sound received (4).
- DOWN**
- A place for food (6).
 - "Up the rebels," for example (7).
 - Welcomes in a downpour? (5).
 - Elaborately embellished (9).
 - Find the sun (3, 2).
 - The French variety is not authorized (3).
 - Bone of foot nature (4).
 - Sticky dimension (4).
 - Look both ways (4).
 - Harden (4).
 - A chap, by the sound of it, helps to make a wheel (8).
 - Soldier all at sea? (8).
 - Written character (8).
 - If black who's often in East out of prison (6).
 - How really rich out East (6).
 - Documentary facts (9).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 FRA-cas, 5 Pasha, 8 Men-A, 9 Hushy, 10 Seedy, 11 Biffa, 12 Sore, 13 Bama, 14 Burman, 15 Crude, 20 Enter, 22 Bent, 23 A-mias, 25 Ohsa, 26 Timber, 27 Oiler, 28 Velle, 29 Dardoon. Down: 1 F-rade, 2 Abazaci, 3 Amos, 4 Serious, 5 Pa's-time, 6 Sleets, 7 Ledum, 14 Entomby, 15 S-letter-N, 16 Burmese, 17 Roasted, 19 Reager, 21 Noble, 22 Biff.

BRITISH AWARD FOR 'BEN HUR'

London, Mar. 22.
The American Screen epic "Ben Hur" tonight received the British Film Academy Award for the best film of 1959.

The award for the best British film went to "Sapphire," a murder mystery which deals with racial prejudice.

The awards were presented by the Duke of Edinburgh who is President of the Society of Film and Television Arts.

The award for the best performance by a foreign actress went to American Shirley Maclaine for "Ask my Girl," and was received on her behalf by French-born Leslie Caron.

UN AWARD

Another American, Jack Lemmon, won the best foreign actor award for "Some Like It Hot." The award was accepted by American producer Sam Spiegel.

Audrey Hepburn's performance in "The Nun's Story" was voted the best by a British actress and that of Peter Sellers in "I'm all right Jack" the best by a British actor.

"On the Beach," the American film about the effects of nuclear war, won the United Nations award.—Reuter.

U.S. soldiers found adrift off Formosa

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
Nine American military personnel adrift in a lifeboat in the South China Sea off southern Formosa were rescued by a Japanese fishing boat yesterday, the Japanese Maritime Safety Board reported.

A Board official said the Americans were found drifting in a lifeboat about 15 miles south of the southernmost tip of Formosa.

The official said he did not know the condition of the Americans rescued.

The boat is expected to reach southern Formosa, this morning.

Anxiety for K shown as French police swoop on suspects

Paris, Mar. 22.
A dawn swoop by French police on East European refugees and French extreme rightists today pointed up the fears which exist for the safety of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during his 11-day visit to France.

On the eve of the Russian leader's arrival from Moscow tomorrow the police were finding cause for particular anxiety because France has given refuge to so many from certain refugees.

About 50 refugees were believed to be among those whose homes were raided. The police agents acted under a penal code article designed to head off possible attempts against the internal security of the state.

The morning raid on possible suspects followed the French action in sending more than 800 from certain refugees on "enforced vacation" on the island of Corsica.

They were sent there a week before the original March 11

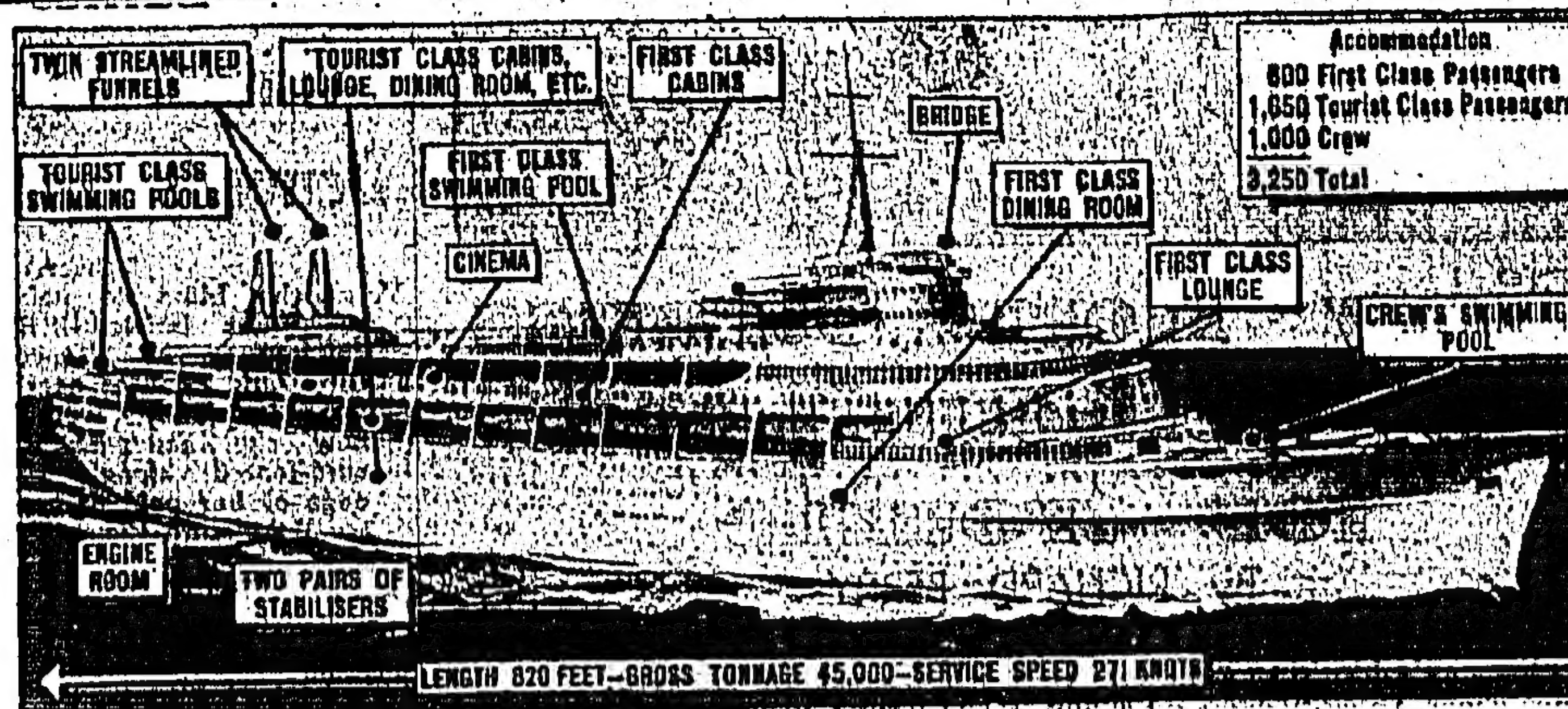
date set for Khrushchev's arrival in France, before his attack of influenza forced an eight-day postponement.

Prominent among the French rightists scooped up in this morning's police raid was Georges Sauge, a one-time Communist who later transformed himself into a campaigner for Catholic activists.

Apart from the threat posed by the refugees and rightwing extremists, however, the state was that Frenchmen were ready to give Khrushchev a courteous, if somewhat cold, welcome.

The Paris press was doing everything it could to create the right atmosphere.

For Hongkong next year



Luxury from end to end — a treat in store for seagoers. An artist's look at the outside — and the inside — of the Canberra, the £15 million P. & O. liner launched in Belfast recently. The Canberra is expected to make her maiden voyage to Australia from Southampton, then passing through Hongkong, across the Pacific to Canada and the West Coast of America, in May next year.—Express Photo.

Opposition expect to oust new Ceylon Government

Colombo, Mar. 22.
Opposition parties in Ceylon's new Parliament discussed unity today with high hopes of voting out of office the one-day-old government of Prime Minister Dudley Senanayake.

Mountbatten in Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 22.
Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff, today began a visit to British troops in Berlin with inspection of a guard of honour mounted by the 1st East Anglian Regiment at British headquarters.

Lord Mountbatten, who arrived last night, lunched today with Berlin's governing Mayor, Herr Willy Brandt. Tomorrow he will continue his 15-day tour of British troops in Europe and the Near East.—China Mail Special.

May escape extinction

Honolulu, Mar. 22.
Hawaii's rare state bird—the nene—is breeding itself out of threatened extinction.

A batch of the rare birds are to be released with the wild flock in the Koolau Sanctuary on Hawaii Island. It will be the first release since the nene restoration project began 10 years ago.

The project began with only one pair of the waterfowl. From these have come 50 adults and a dozen young in captivity at the sanctuary.

An estimated 100 nene are in the wild flock.—AP.

EFTA bill now law

London, Mar. 22.
A bill to enable Britain to fulfil her obligations under the European Free Trade Association (Outer Seven) convention became law today with the signing of the Royal Assent by a Royal Commission in the House of Lords.—Reuter.

Smuggling charge

Singapore, Mar. 22.
The Indonesian Consulate in Singapore today alleged that four Singapore-based shipping firms had been involved in smuggling 25 million Straits dollars worth of rubber products into Singapore from Indonesia.

This is the first time Indonesian authorities made such a charge against Singapore shipping companies.

A consulate spokesman added that the Indonesian government was planning legal action against the firms in connection with the alleged smuggling.—AP.

Admiral visiting Singapore

London, Mar. 22.
Vice-Admiral N. A. Copeman, the Fourth Sea Lord, is to fly out to Singapore on Thursday where he will spend several days visiting the dockyard and supply departments. Admiral Copeman's visit is the third of a series of overseas dockyard and establishments. He will return on April 1.—China Mail Special.

Negro seeks election as U.S. President

Indianapolis, Mar. 22.
Mr. Frank Beckwith, 65-year-old lawyer, today became the first Negro on record to seek election as President of the United States.

Mr. Beckwith, whose parents were born in slavery, filed his name today as a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in the Indiana primary election in which party members express their preference for a candidate.

Asked whether he thought he would beat Vice-President Richard Nixon, who has already entered that primary election, Mr. Beckwith told reporters: "Well, I think I know more people in Indiana than Nixon does. I can call 7,000 people by name."

He said he would promise supporters that, if elected, he would create a "Department of Peace" in the Federal Government "to wage peace as diligently as we waged war."—Reuter.

Aldous Huxley criticises U.S. ban on satires

Miami, Mar. 22.
The English novelist, Aldous Huxley, said last night that the banning of his novel "Brave New World" in some American county high schools was most extraordinary and absolutely crazy.

The book was first removed from recommended reading lists and then withdrawn from county high school libraries after an anonymous telephone caller complained of alleged "off-colour" passages in the novel.

Another political satire by an English writer, "1984" by the late George Orwell, was also removed from high school reading lists and library shelves. "The more you reflect, the more absurd it sounds," said Huxley. "The two books concern totalitarian regimes based on terrorism. I regarded them as tracts in favour of freedom."

"I don't wish to blow my horn, but I think the work will remain quite important."

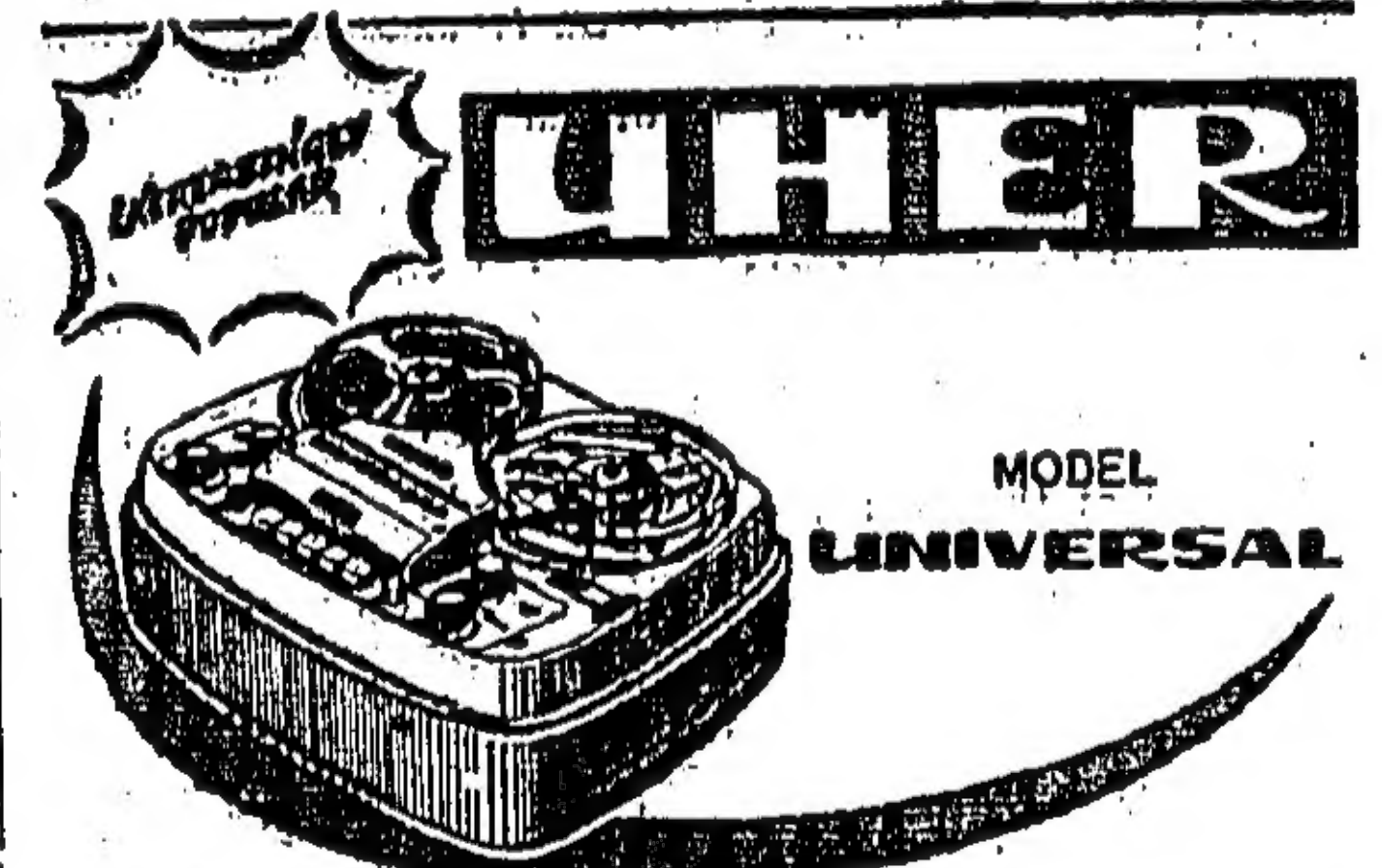
In another development, the Florida Civil Liberties Union said it would have a representative at the next school board meeting on April 6 to protest against the action.—U.P.I.



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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th March to 26th March, 1960, both days inclusive.

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A. SOMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th Mar., 1960.

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PEOPLE in the news

Fiery Herr Strauss is well-equipped for trouble

By RICHARD BERRY

Confront most German motorists with a narrow one-way street and a policeman's blocking arm, and they will almost always stop. But not short, thick-necked Bavarian Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, Defence Minister in Bonn since October, 1956.

The situation encountered on his way from home to office, was not the kind this ebullient son of a Munich master butcher could ever easily resist.

He urged his driver to move on into the forbidden opening. When the policeman took his driver's name, Herr Strauss called for his dismissal.

And so another teacup-storm blew up about the thrush-like, provocative head of Franz-Josef Strauss. One of many small storms that have quickened the heavy air of Bonn during his short career as a Cabinet Minister.

Many small storms, and now one big one... a matter of German bases in Spain.

Strauss, as Bavarians will, rides the storm-clouds easily. He has equipped him well for trouble.

During the war he was a temporary lieutenant in Hitler's Wehrmacht. More recently, he was one of the handful of West German MPs who voted against reparations for the murdered Jews.

As Defence Minister, he has set a precedent by dismissing a general who fell short of his personal code of politeness.

"PLOTTER" BRAND

He has branded the Soviet Ambassador as "a secret plotter." He has opposed Army support payments to Britain.

More than Adenauer himself, he is not uncomplacently to resist Germany to her old independent greatness.

His interest in the West German Premiership is intense and personal — and a very open secret.

The Social Democratic enemies of the self-willed Herr Minister have little good to say of him. They abuse him as a new McCarthy, an unprincipled opportunist, a dangerously blustering law unto himself.

But there is another side to the tough little Franz-Josef's face. He is personable, volatile, and undeniably the star orator of the Bonn Parliament. His amazing drive in building up



DEFENCE MINISTER HERR STRAUSS

the new German armed forces has changed sceptical smiles to sober respect.

Whatever else, he is apparently for NATO and a United Europe; and against the East. He is a skilful politician; fluent, educated and able.

From the start, he has been with the militarists. Back in 1949, he was already working out with a core of ex-officers, the future shape of the German Army.

ATOM BOMB PLEDGE

As Minister without Portfolio from 1955, he pledged himself to equip Germany as an atomic power within a few years. He brilliantly presented case for tactical atomic arms won over American and British.

He shaped the plan to equip the Luftwaffe with 1,000 fighter

bombers, able to carry A-bombs. Under his call-up blueprint, every German up to 45 is liable to conscription.

When Konrad Adenauer is 84, Herr Minister Strauss is a vigorous 45, and one of the few full personalities to emerge from under the Grand Old Man's politically stifling wing.

When Strauss talks, Adenauer listens. Not every Bonn Cabinet Minister can say the same.

As a Bavarian, Franz-Josef Strauss is quite unable to keep passion out of his politics. Sooner rather than later, this could well involve him in bitter war with the workers who hate him in the unions and on the labour front.

Or it could thrust him — menacingly, some would say — to the top — Central Press.

BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

SLOT machines which serve hot meals and, as "we thank you, Good appetite!" are only a beginning.

It should soon be possible to hold a conversation with the machine while you eat. "I hope your family is well," says the machine. "Quite well, thank you, And yours?" "Don't be a fool! Machines don't have families."

"My face is my misfortune, sir," she said

N ologist Lemore, who tried to prove that the criminal was a special type, ever thought of curing criminal tendencies by plastic surgery. In Detroit, convicts are given new faces. A woman with a flat nose "is having it reshaped on Brigitte Bardot lines," says my paper. Unless I am lying, it was Lemore who discovered the skull of Charlotte Corday, and deduced from it the inevitability of the murder of Marat. It turned out to be someone else's skull, bought by a medical student.

Nothing to do with me

He moved a pawn cautiously. (Report of chess match.)

"WHAT is that fish doing on the board?" asked his opponent.

"That pawn must be removed at once," thundered the referee.

"Sorry," said the culprit. "I thought it was a shrimp."

"That doesn't make it any better," growled the referee.

Decibels borne on the breeze

COMPLAINTS of the noise from a rifle-range in Berkshire recalled to me the story of the deaf lady who bought a house near Bixley. A friend called on her and asked how she liked her new home. "It's very nice," said the lady, "but the people over the way are terribly noisy."

—(London Express Service).

Blind polar bear baffles visitors to Denver's zoo

Denver. Velox, the blind old polar bear, has baffled little children at the Denver City Park Zoo for nearly 24 years. They wonder how she can walk so sure-footed along the edge of her pool without stumbling into the water.

The answer is simple. Velox once was the star performer in a circus tight-rope walking act, until she was retired for poor eyesight.

"They go by sense more than sight anyway," says 72-year-old Clyde Hill, who retired last year after 36 years as zoo director. His father was the pioneer director of the zoo, so Hill has spent most of his life around animals.

Hill believes the bear's blindness is a blessing rather than a handicap. It got her out of the circus act, and she is the finest of polar bear enclosures.

HAPPIEST

"She is the happiest and most fortunate we've ever had here," Hill says. "People who see her pacing back and forth in her pen say 'Oh, that poor blind bear,' but she isn't miserable; she's a happy bear."

There were times when Velox didn't have it so good. She was a star in the Ringling Bros. Circus, but she didn't have the luxurious quarters she has today. Her artificial mountain, surrounded by a moat of cool water, in the Denver Zoo. As a circus performer, Hill points out, she had to travel through some fairly hot weather.

Hill purchased Velox back in 1936 "when they came through town."

"She was the star of that circus until her eyes were damaged," he said. "I'm afraid somebody did a little too much whip-snapting. Although she was a great tight-rope walker, she showed up the act because she couldn't see. But she wasn't totally blind."

SO TAME

Hill says Velox is so tame that zoo keepers get right in the enclosure and walk her down with a hose every day.

"Polar bears are pretty dangerous as a rule," he said, "but she's just as nice as a Newfoundlander dog. We can walk right up and pet her, but we don't allow that."

Because of her poor eyesight and good disposition, Velox is not far from the spectators. Only a short steel fence and the four-foot wide moat separate her from her captivated audience.

"She's a great entertainer," Hill said. "She likes to entertain by swimming around in the water. Velox has quite a reputation, too. She's the honorary mascot of the Polar Bear Regiment of the U. S. Army."

The regiment keeps in touch with Hill inquiring about Velox. The soldiers have sent her several gifts, including a regimental blanket.

Velox probably was born in Siberia, but Hill doesn't know her age — UPI.

British newsletter from Peter Burgoyne CAMPAIGN AGAINST HAZARDS COMES TO A HEAD

London (By Airmail). Twenty-four hours after the doctrinal bust-up over nationalisation had been wallpapered-over with compromise Britain's Labour party last week had its nose rubbed in its own folly.

In two by-elections they lost one seat to the Tories and, in a Tory stronghold, surrendered second place to the Liberals.

There can be little doubt that the election results were the public's verdict on the Labour Party's patent lack of dynamic leadership and on the inverted conservatism of its fundamentalists.

Both weaknesses were cruelly spotlighted in the much publicised row over the party constitution which held the headlines for several weeks and which last week worked up to a climax.

The row began when party leader Hugh Gaitskell suggested certain constitutional changes during the post-mortem on the party's humiliating defeat at last year's General Election.

He wanted the original wording of the constitution clause on nationalisation altered to make plain that there was room in a socialist economy for public ownership AND private enterprise.

The fundamentalists erupted. To them the wording of the original clause — "ambiguously though it is — is holy writ. To them socialism is as absolute as truth. One might as well have suggested rewriting the Sermon on the Mount to accommodate current moral attitudes.

The challenge to Hugh Gaitskell's leadership was real and menacing. At the same time it presented the Socialist leader with the chance to demonstrate by firm action that his party was not the doctrine-bound machine of the public image.

The challenge was not denied nor the chance taken. A woolly compromise was reached by wedding the original clause and the Gaitskell-inspired new clause.

The result is ambiguity worse confounded and a public image — the public image which so exercised Hugh Gaitskell — if anything, dimmer than before.

Critics who previously thought them merely wrong-headed now consider them middle-headed.

Three babies died last week in a London fire believed to have been caused by a drip-feed type oil heater.

About the same time, Home Secretary R. A. Butler revealed that in 1958 oil heaters caused 2,128 home fires compared with the 84 caused by gas heaters and the 828 caused by electric heaters.

And on the same day the Fire Brigades Union once more called the Home Secretary to stop the sale of drip-feed heaters.

The death of the London babies added tragic emphasis to a campaign for foolproof safety standards in heaters, which has been gathering force for many weeks.

Expert evidence after one tragedy revealed how easily drip-feed heaters could flare and there was an immediate outcry for improved safety standards.

The Home Secretary's Consumers Protection Committee is preparing a report, a private member's bill on safety standards is before Parliament and the production of drip-feed heaters is virtually at a standstill pending new safety specifications.

Noted in Scotland: The astounding number of whisky brands never seen in the south; some of them seldom seen outside the county in which they were distilled.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Philippines, by Air

Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.

Indonesia, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Philippines, by Air

Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.

Indonesia, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Philippines, by Air

Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.

Indonesia, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.

Indonesia, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Ceylon, 1 p.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.

Guam, 4 p.m.

North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.

Malaya, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 4 p.m.

KING'S PRINCESS
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SHE WILL 'LIBERATE' THE WOMEN

A Japanese woman returned to her homeland today determined to "liberate" women.

She is Miss Michiko Fujiwara, who left Hongkong by Air India after spending three weeks in China.

She was the leader of a delegation of eight women who visited China at the invitation of the Peking Government to celebrate "Women's Day" on March 8 last.

Miss Fujiwara who is an executive member of the Socialist Party of Japan said through an interpreter that she was amazed at the freedom women enjoyed in China.

"They were equal to men in every way," she told reporters. "Women seem to be much more active in China than anywhere else."

"They work hard alongside men and play sport just as much as the men do."

"It seems that they are much more independent than the women of Japan," she said.

However she added that she would not like to live in China. "Because I have so much to do in my homeland," she explained.

"Women in Japan have no independence whatsoever and for a long time our party has been trying to change the position."

Despite her determination Miss Fujiwara did not disclose how she intended to "liberate" the Japanese women.

New York, Mar. 22. The prostate gland removed from General Douglas MacArthur was not cancerous, Lenox Hill Hospital said today.

The 60-year-old general was reported to be making excellent progress in his recovery from the operation, performed last Saturday.—AP.

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— NEXT CHANGE —
"A HOLE IN THE HEAD" || "DR. DILEMA"

OFFICER ACQUITTED ON CARELESS DRIVING CHARGE

Capt. R. T. Smith, of the Lancashire Regiment, Stanley Fort, was discharged by Mr I. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this morning when he was found not guilty of careless driving.

Fung Sing-moon, the complainant, told the Court that at 10.30 a.m. on January 23 he was driving a car and rounding a bend in Wong Ma Kok Road, when he saw a private car overtaking a military truck coming from the opposite direction.

He said he applied his brakes and stopped his car. There was, however, a slight collision between his vehicle and the private car driven by Capt. Smith.

ROAD CLEAR

He admitted he had emerged from an unnamed road on to the Wong Ma Kok Road before he rounded the bend.

Capt. Smith submitted that he did not drive carelessly as at the time he pulled out to overtake the army vehicle the road in front of him was perfectly clear and it was of sufficient length for him to overtake with safety.

He said the complainant's car appeared from the entrance to St. Stephen's College which was a blind corner with a high rock wall.

Finding defendant not guilty, Mr Morris said he believed that Capt. Smith was driving properly.

"It is true that there was a minor accident, but the defendant was, in my opinion, using due care and took all necessary precautions before he decided to overtake a slow moving army truck," said Mr Morris.

CANADIANS LAY WREATH AT SAI WAN

At the Canadian War Memorial cemetery at Sai Wan this morning the Squadron Commander of the Second Canadian Escort Squadron, Captain J. C. Pratt, laid a wreath on the Cenotaph.

The wreath was composed of white chrysanthemums in the form of a maple leaf, the emblem of Canada.

The commanding officers of the three ships in the squadron were present. They were Commander I. Morrow, (Ottawa), Commander M. Paige, (St. Laurent) and Commander E. M. Chadwick, (Saguenay).

Two platoons of the squadron attended the ceremony, led by Lieutenants J. G. Underhill and D. B. Hope.

BROTHER BURIED

Chief Petty Officer Freeman, whose brother is buried at Sai Wan, handed the wreath to the Squadron Commander before he laid it on the Cenotaph, after which Last Post and Reveille were sounded.

Prayers were led by the Rev. Fr. McGottigan and Padre Madigan.

Mr C. M. Forsyth-Smith, Canadian Trade Commissioner attended the ceremony, accompanied by the Assistant Trade Commissioner, Mr D. J. McEachern. Mr Jacques Desautels, Canadian Immigration Superintendent in Hongkong, was also present.

Colony thefts

A thief broke into No. 230 Sai Young Choi Street, 3rd floor, Shamshu, at about 2 a.m. today and stole a wrist watch valued at \$20.

Another thief broke into the first floor flat at No. 52 Wai Tsun Lane, Tsuen Wan, between 5.45 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. yesterday and stole \$2,800.

The police have arrested a man following inquiries into the theft of a quantity of clothing worth \$70 from No. 823 "B" Block, Lo Fu Ngam Resettlement Estate yesterday.

Two wrist watches and \$142 in cash were stolen from No. 228 Electric Road, 4th floor, yesterday.

Man arrested

A man was arrested by the Police shortly after midnight last night after investigations into the theft of a purse containing \$170 from a Chinese woman in Nathan Road.

A bicycle valued at \$45 was stolen from outside No. 22 Hung Kong Street, Hung Hum, yesterday.

CAPITOL

— FINAL TO-DAY —
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

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To-morrow At 12.30 p.m. "THE BLUE CONTINENT" In Color

TIGER AVOIDS ARTHUR



CHARLES E. ANDREWS

Veteran "Ironman" of stage, screen and television, Arthur Godfrey is in India a heartbroken man, it was revealed today.

Why? "Because he couldn't bag a tiger on his recent safari," Mr Charles E. Andrews, C.B.S. producer, told reporters shortly after his arrival by Air India this morning.

"He shot two big leopards and a huge lion but unfortunately no tiger," Andrews added.

Andrews together with a photographer accompanied Godfrey on his recent working holiday visit of India.

"Arthur is still there putting the finishing touches to some film work we did."

"Apart from his disappointment of missing a tiger, he is fighting fit."

Last year Godfrey made headlines in every big American newspaper when he survived a miracle cancer operation during which the upper half of his lung was removed.

A TEENAGER

"The way he jumped around you would have thought he was a teenager."

"It was a pity we missed seeing a tiger because he was really shooting well."

"Both his leopard and his lion 'bags' were longshots and clean kills."

"But when the safari ended he was miserable about missing out on the old tiger," he added.

Andrews said that among the many colourful scenes taken of Godfrey was one where he mounted an elephant playing a guitar and lumbered down one of the main streets of Calcutta.

"He had the time of his life."

Andrews said that Godfrey is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Saturday.

STAR

— FINAL TO-DAY —
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J. Arthur Rank presents

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MA'S A GREAT LITTLE MANAGER—WONDER WHAT SHE'S BUYING OUT OF HOUSEKEEPING THIS WEEK!

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Books at the big Red Fair are blanks

BUT THE COVERS ARE BEAUTIFUL
From RICHARD KILIAN

Leipzig.
I MADE a strange discovery at the Leipzig Trade Fair in East Germany the other day. Browsing through the East German book exhibits I found that the pages in between the beautiful covers, including one book supposed to be about Russian art, were all blank paper.

An official explained: "They are beautiful covers, nein? The actual texts of the books," he went on with disarming candour, "will come later."

This discovery somehow symbolised for me the present atmosphere in one of East Germany's principal cities.

For the sake of appearances the East German Peter was being roughly robbed to pay the Leipzig Paul.

Supplies of food and consumer goods have been poured into Leipzig from the rest of the country as well as from other Communist countries.

All shopping

For the Communist world this fair makes Leipzig Communism's shop window to the Western world.

The restaurants are jam-packed with people consuming enormous quantities of food and drink.

But I wondered why so few ordinary people were at the huge fairgrounds.

There were, after all, plenty of things to see. "They're all in town shopping for things they don't often get a chance to buy," I was told. "They don't bother much with the fair."

"And many of the thousands of West Germans who come to East Germany ostensibly to attend the fair are busy making contact with their families who live here."

Prices are ludicrously high even for foreigners like myself, who benefit slightly from the "realistic" exchange rate of 11 East marks for 1 West mark. This is double the official rate.

Lumpy bed

A meal of soup followed by meat and potatoes, fruit, and coffee cannot be had for under HK\$1.50. But that does not include any drink.

After many years of living in hotels in all parts of the world I can honestly declare that the Hotel Bayrischerhof in Leipzig is just about the worst ever as far as I am concerned.

I say this despite a dusty red banner hanging in the doorway which is proof that the hotel won a prize for catering and accommodation.

For HK\$18 daily I get a lumpy bed, a filthy carpet, a cracked

★ ★ ★ ★
Then Kilian goes to the cinema
I SEE THE LEMBERG MASSACRE FILM

I HAVE just seen in a Leipzig projection room a propaganda film which attempts to pin the blame for the Lemberg massacre, in which 7,000 Jews died, on to Dr Adenauer's Minister of Refugees, Professor Theodor Oberlander.

Accusations about Oberlander's past have been flying between East and West Germany for the past month.

Oberlander denies that his Nazi battalion—the "Night-ingle Battalion"—fired even one shot during the time it spent in Lemberg, now called Lvov.

IN QUESTION

At first the Oberlander charges seemed all to be Communist inspired. But now some responsible West German newspapers and magazines have unearthed damaging evidence against him.

The film is the one which was shown recently in the House of Commons to selected M.P.s.

It is technically bad, with crude trick photography, repetitive and boring suggestions of guilt—and the most horrible close-up photography.

PEOPLE KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES...

WHO are The New Elite? They have been brought into focus by news of the engagement of Tony Armstrong-Jones.

They have 'arrived' on the strength of two outstanding qualities: extraordinary energy and superb professionalism.

The world of John Cranko

NOBODY has stepped so quickly or so masterfully into the select corps of today's Terrible Young Men than the choreographer John Cranko, the man who has irrigated the London Theatre with a sparkling stream of new ideas and techniques.

This was a boy from an unheard-of village in the Transvaal who came to London as a dancer who had begun his training too late.

Contempt

He had nothing to ride on but a gay determination and a dangerous contempt of tradition.

Today, Cranko has far more behind him than the score of new ballets which sent the Old Gang running in panic down the corridors of Covent Garden.

He took time off from revitalising the Royal Ballet in order to murder the accepted idea of lyric writers how to fool songs in the contemporary idiom.

And now opera: he is shortly to show the world, with a new Benjamin Britten work, a totally new approach to the stuff of all arts.

What has won Cranko his place among the elite is his light in the fantastic incon-

gruities of modern life. In one show, he made girls suddenly cut their cigarettes, and then had them move in macabre shadows that had audiences gasping in alarm—yet the shadows were only thrown by batracks and pairs of steps.

He can catch on the stage a chuckle, a tender sigh, a madcap inspiration, with more speed and less fuss than anyone alive.

This is the only man I know who dared to devise a totally new musical—Keep Your Hair On. It was a disastrous flop. Cranko had gone too far overboard in experiment.

Defiant

Today, he is planning another assault on convention. The New Cranko (opens April 27), a revue with circus furniture made of steel and its six artists in the costumes of Picasso blue-period acrobats.

If it succeeds, it will succeed as did his full-length ballet The

He mostly inhabits a judiciously untidy room with a piano and a Piper and a cosy fire where steaks are barbecued...

Princess of the Pagodas, which defied every sort of tradition; he filled the stage with smoke, and they had the ballerina Svetlana Beresova fly (on wires) up from her partner's hands and clean out of sight. He even made the scenery dance.

A flimsy young man in wool, with a nose as sharp as a pen, intense blue eyes and soft hair, six-foot Cranko standing up has the look of a lanky elf, and sitting resembles nothing so much as a heap of slaty rods. The problem is to catch him alone.

Dropping in

He owns a teeming old-fashioned house near Victoria—the wrong side of the station—and mostly inhabits a judiciously untidy room with a piano and a John Piper painting and a cosy fire where steaks get barbecued.

Upstairs he uses a French country kitchen rather than a painter's palette, whipping up curious delights in a Kenwood mixer with tinned salmon and capers and cream. There is a notable presence of lettuce and milk, and a notable absence of fuss.

A whiff of incense on the stairs, and Cranko remarks solicitously: "The lodger burns



Week-ends now are spent at Fawley Bottom, the Piper's stone-walled farmhouse, working on something quite else: in June, Cranko is to direct, with Piper's designs, the new opera A Midsummer Night's Dream by Benjamin Britten.

Cranko was born 32 years ago at Rustenberg, a little village in Northern Transvaal, only child

of a solicitor. At seven, the family moved to Johannesburg, but it was at Cape Town University that the boy became fascinated with dancing.

"Mostly, I used to look at books and imagine what the ballets were like," he says. He knew the standard of teaching was not high in South Africa, but he learned all he could, danced leading roles, and waited wistfully for the war to end.

At 19 he grabbed a troopship and arrived in London with just enough to live.

Within six months, he was a dancer at Sadler's Wells. He recalls "miles and miles of Sleeping Princess" trooping about with a spear for a three-month run. Luckily, there is always a demand in ballet for tall men with strong wrists to carry the females around. Cranko won leading roles.

"But I started too late, at 14, and I never really wanted to be a performer. I don't like it. I don't like that feeling of being looked at."

Under the perceptive tutelage of Ninette de Valois, the young South African poured forth a stream of ballets, some funny—like the one about the girl snob's

marriage to a cannibal king, who ate her—and some as strange as the tragedy of the girl whirled to her death by a ghost. All were marked with a gift of theatricality that made them, just as stories, instantly comprehensible and instantly surprising.

His first revue, Cranko visited three times by Prince Margaret, was the result of a dare. "I was watching a theatre revue I thought d. They said could I do better and I said who could do worse? So they gave me six weeks."

The little show, with its act of four is still being limited.

New Covent Garden has asked him for another full-length ballet. Cranko is temperately baffled. "To set a thing in Nothing Hill Gate is not necessarily being contemporary. The real problem is that we don't dance in England today."

"In America there is a folk dance and a folk music. West Side Story could contrast the Puerto Rican mambo and the New Yorkers' live. Now, London's West Indians would have noises and ways of dancing. But what would the British people do?"

It is hard to imagine that Cranko will be baffled long.

—John Barber

(London Express Service).

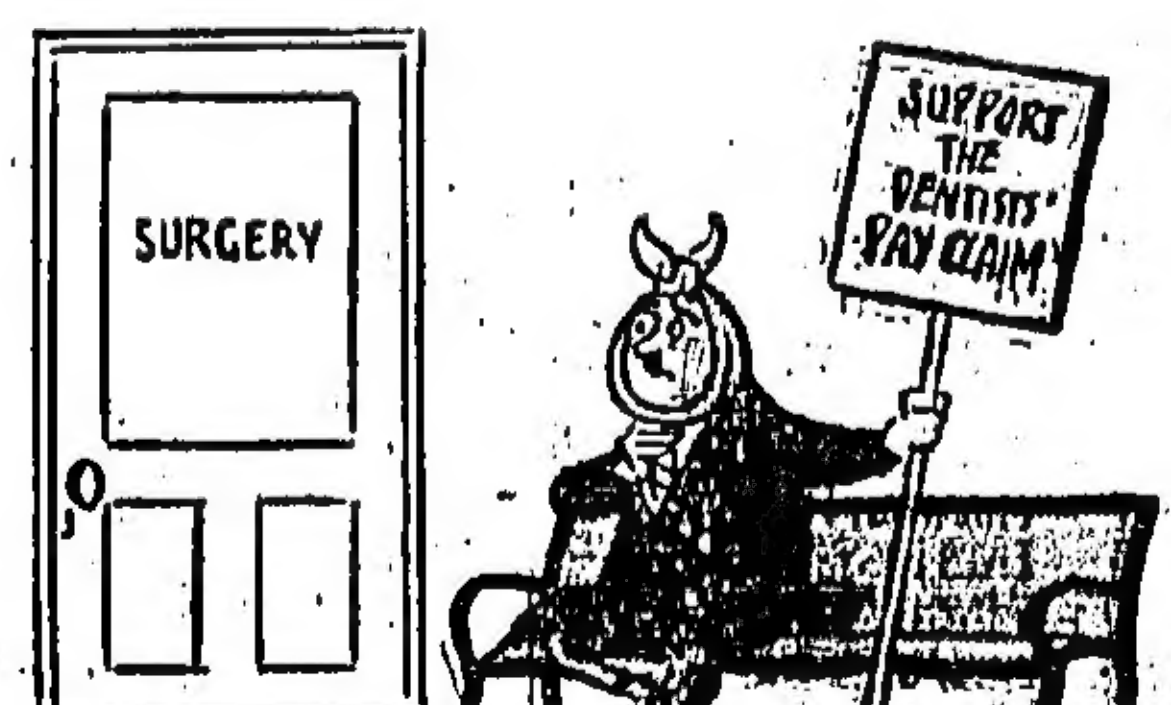
Mid Week Selection by Friell



"It's a bit dry as a book—but you wait till the Americans make a musical of it."



"Men, this is the supreme test for the U.S. army. Whatever the cost—Presley must get through!"



"That's a good start, Hugh—All men are brothers except Manny Shinwell, Dick Crossman, Mitchell Foot and Uncle Tom Driberg and all that lot!"

Tired Townsend takes a gloomy view...

Paris.

THERE have been many occasions in the past five years when I would have given a great deal for a quiet social evening with Group Captain Peter Townsend and it was only the other week of all weeks that I found myself in just such a cosy tongue-loosening situation with him.

It was at a party given in a mince penthouse flat by a noted singer of Portuguese songs, those mournful self-slaying folk songs which are not everybody's glass of port.

The hostess's name was Clara O'Donovan, a buxom, handsome woman, who supplements her father's singing with occasional film work.

I gather that her connection with Townsend was a film project in which she will act as technical adviser and script writer.

The party was in no sense smart and had a distinct raffish quality. There was little room to move and latecomers sat on the floor.

Townsend's Belgian wife, Marie-Luce Jamagne, was there, looking hot in a heavily embroidered silk blouse.

Townsend was wearing a blue suit and one wondered immediately whether this was one of the several ordered in London when Princess Margaret's friends rushed him round to a tailor in the course of his reunion with the Princess after his Belgian exile.

It could not be, I reflected—the suit was baggy and the trousers were of an unfashionable width; at least 18 inches, I should have thought.

He looked tired, red-eyed, slightly unshaven and he was obviously not mastered the English upper class art of wearing one's hair long while at the same time not looking too tough once one had cut it.

Inevitably, of course, with glasses of whiskey in our hands, we fell to talking, as everyone else here does sooner or later, about the political situation. We found ourselves substantially in agreement. Townsend, of course, has the advantage of considerable knowledge, both general and the personal involved.

He said, de Gaulle was trying to introduce monarchical principles into the government of

PARIS NEWS LETTER by SAM WHITE

France. This was bound to end in failure, in his view.

"The French would not tolerate a monarchy," he said.

QUOTE

★ Former French Prime Minister M. Bidault: "Too many important Frenchmen have been given an inferiority complex for life by being brought up by English nannies."

Busy day

THE most vivacious and certainly the most photogenic member of Parisian society today is the Vicomtesse de Ribes. She is a kind of shapelier Legge.

Inevitably, of course, she has been photographed by Tony Armstrong-Jones. She told me about this memorable occasion in a torrent of words.

"It was the most astonishing unforgettable day of my life," she began, in what I was later to recognise as her lower key.

"Tony arrived here on November 10, 1959. He came to my house at 10 in the morning and did not leave until 10 at night."

Attractive

"I have never been so swept off my feet in my life. I cancelled engagements everywhere—lunch, dinner, cocktails and my dressmaker."

"If General de Gaulle had wanted to see me I would have asked him to make it another day."

"Tony is so gay, full of life and ideas. I understand Princess Margaret very well. Please, I do not want to say anything to make Princess Margaret jealous. But he is one of the most attractive men I have ever met. He makes you feel—well, so well."

"We had lunch at four. I didn't even eat. He photographed me from every conceivable angle."

"On one occasion he kept me standing on one foot for an hour on a rickety marble table next to the lake in the Bois de Boulogne."

"I absolutely adored him for his energy. Then he had to

leave that night. I asked him if he couldn't stay and leave the next morning. No, he told me. "He had to go back for a party for Princess Margaret."

It only remains to be added that in this hectic 12 hours they spent together Mr. Armstrong-Jones took no less than 350 pictures of the vicomtesse.

Incidental intelligence. The most fashionable restaurant in Paris at the moment is owned by a photographer and is called "The Flashy."

Troubled

A STORM is blowing over the Champagne country as a result of arrangements originally made for Mr. Khrushchev's visit there in the course of his tour of France next month.

Originally it was planned that Mr. Khrushchev should visit Meaux and Chandon at Epernay. This aroused the protest of the municipality of Reims, which is the capital of the Champagne country and which is seeking out most of the money for "K's" reception.

It was then decided that he should visit Pommery instead, but the firm of Pommery is having trade union troubles and the workers there threatened to demonstrate their dissatisfaction during "K's" visit.

So this has been changed at the last moment and instead "K" will visit Mumm.

Too strong

ARE ladies-in-waiting going to be appointed to the court of Charles de Gaulle? Of course there is lack of courtiers, but ladies-in-waiting is a little too strong for Republican stomachs here.

Besides—the jealousies that such a move would provoke in Paris society are such as to seriously endanger public order. The whole, horrifying idea, however, has been given some substance by an all-too-little noted line in a communiqué from the Elysee Palace issued

during the state visit of the President of Peru.

The communiqué said that among those present was Madame De La Villes Brune, lady-in-waiting at the Elysee. I understand that this was a slip of some official tongue.

Madame De La Villes Brune was there in her capacity as wife of a distinguished French diplomat.

QUOTE

★ U.S. General W. T. Hefley, commander of the U.S. air base at Chateaux Regent: "If an American knows the local language he may be injecting wrong ideas into the dealings with the natives."

(London Express Service).

CAR WILL DECIDE IF YOU'RE FIT TO DRIVE

New York.
The drunk of the future who staggers to his car may find that his vehicle has decided he is too intoxicated to drive.

This decision will be a final one. The car will refuse to start. The drunk will have to take a bus, train, or taxi.

According to Dr. James Madent, safety research scientist at Columbia University, the compulsory built-in "drunkometers" are clearly a possibility for future American cars.

The tamper-proof sealed unit will make it impossible for the engine to be started. Other electronic gadgets will bring the car to a stop if the driver starts to fall asleep at the wheel, preceding Dr. Madent.

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

FASHIONS IN BEAUTY...

ARMS AND LEGS...

ONE BARE, THE OTHER BEIGE....

London. HAND in stocking with beauty... The stocking, Charnon's new seamless featherweight 15-denier nylon, which stretches to fit any leg-length and has a specially reinforced heel and toe.

The colour? Choose from four tones of beige. The girl, Pat Bowden, owner of the prettiest appendages in the modelling business.

If you're struggling along with splitting nails, broken cuticles and arms a bit scaly around the elbow, these are her tips for caring for the kind of hands that earn her three guineas an hour.

6 ALWAYS use a hand cream if you've had your hands in water. The one I use is cheap — but the main thing is to use it regularly.

ALWAYS wear gloves when you go out.

ALWAYS revarnish your nails the second they begin to chip. Nothing looks worse than peeling polish.

ON the market next month... a new face powder called



IT'S FEATHERWEIGHT AND STRETCHES TO FIT

feet Pearl, a very fine pale green. One for the wedding? Not really. Peggy Patrick, the director of the cosmetics from Jane Seymour, tells me it's made to be worn beneath your normal powder to tone down high colouring, broken veins and help to disguise freckles. At the sensible price of 1s. 6d. a box, it's well worth trying.

RUNNING REPAIRS...

BROKEN your nail? Don't break your heart. For an expert manicurist in the beauty salon of a store, alas, only in London at the moment, will

splint you a new one which can last even as long as three months.

A piece of specially treated paper is put underneath the broken nail. The whole of the nail and the piece of paper are then painted with a cement-like paste and moulded gently to take the shape and curve of your own nail. The paste is then left for about 20 minutes to dry hard. A new nail is now ready to be cut, filed and even varnished to the shape and colour required.

The false nail can not be taken off, but will eventually grow off as your own nail grows.

The cost? 7s. 6d. and about half an hour of your time. (London Express Service).

FOR SUMMER IN PARIS

Superlative Fabrics — at HK\$1,120 a Metre

MANY simple, unadorned silhouettes in the Paris collections were purposely created to show off luxurious new fabrics.

Pierre Balmain, for example, has a clinging sheath dinner gown as strictly classical as a Greek column, in a sheer white chiffon with pure silver tulle thread running through it which costs 200 new francs per metre (just over £14 or HK\$224) a yard. This model was ordered by Marlene Dietrich, together with the white cashmere wool lace dress and coat ensemble which Balmain describes as "destined for wear when travelling by private train."

The Balenciaga collection is applauded for its panorama of superlative fabrics, including rich, pure silk double-faced satins, warp woven taffetas with subdued printed designs, lovely handwoven tweeds, and subtle cross-toned woolen materials. This designer personifies the luxurious approach to fashion where "art knows no price."

French silks

AMONG the French silk collections, abstract and still life designs debut floral prints for day wear, but upholstery sized pastel flowers and faded floral prints on sheer organza are particularly favoured in Dior's late day clothes while Bianchini's Roman striped chiffons are a special feature of Nina Ricci's swirling skirted, gipsy evening gowns.

As for checks, there is not a single "bad check" in Paris. The fabrics, if he finds the fabric beautiful and inspiring, he buys it without regard to cost — like the pure cashmere coating, which is priced at nearly 1,000 new francs (over £70 or HK\$1,120) a metre (30 inches).

PEGGY MASSIN REPORTS A RAINBOW OF RIOTOUS COLOUR FROM PARIS—AND LUXURIOUS FABRICS!

Hound's tooth and irregular broken line checks continue to be successful in every collection. Part of their popularity is traced directly to Brigitte Bardot, the film star who wore a gingham check for her wedding last summer.

There are also dots and dashes, handled in new semi-abstract effects. Tiny hearts in light tones on darker grounds appear in printed twills in almost every leading collection, while other variations on classic polka dots include the beach pebble prints and rain splatterings, often featured at Dior in black and white.

Spring colours

SPRING is coming in, however, with a rainbow of riotous colour, and it is only on an occasional formal costume that black puts in a timid appearance. Yves Saint Laurent, at Dior, declares "There has never been such a demand for gay colours. From morning till night, my hues are bright and thrilling."

Even low priced fabrics in the French ready-to-wear presentations incorporate the trend towards intoxicating colours. Dior concentrates on green, ranging from kelly, jade, and emerald, to verdant and prairie shades called "stem greens."

Cornel, turquoise, and the entire delphinium flower family

are represented. Jean Patou's designer stars pink and clear jazz rods, worn by mannequins who have all been to the hair-dresser for henna and pink hair-rinses.

Ultra — lavish embroideries cover the most expensive and luxurious fabrics. Dior develops border patterns inspired by the beautiful wedding gown designed by Saint Laurent for Queen Farah Diba of Persia. Oriental caftans and split-seam tunics are characterised by three-inch wide bands of Persian and Paisley motifs in pure gold thread, pearls, and crystal.

Trends

Trends towards solid paying concentrated over a small area are stronger than over-all scattered effects. Short waisted Princess evening gowns have the bodice covered with jewelled motifs, often worked with dangling fringes or chandelier pendants. Victorian "combing" jackets, formerly used only in the privacy of the boudoir, made in tulle or other sheer fabric covered with crystal decoration, accompany low cut evening gowns.

Yves Saint Laurent carries his sweater dress styles through for evening, dressed up in cloth of gold or lame fabrics and treated to thousands of new francs worth of embroidery. A shimmering gold lame model fashioned exactly like a plain cordigan sweater, has the long torso line marked by a six-inch wide band of gold nugget fringe. —Router.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH and South bid astutely to reach six clubs against the strong spade bidding by East and West.

South's three-spade bid is particularly worthy of attention. His partner's no-cump overall had shown opening no-trump strength and South visualised slam possibilities right off the bat. Then North's six-club bid was based on the fact that his 16 points seemed to be made up of just the right cards to help his partner.

West considered saving at six spades, but came up with a bet-

NORTH		5	
♠ Q 8 3			
♥ K Q 4			
♦ A 3 0			
♣ A 7 9 6			
WEST (D)	EAST		
♠ A K 9 5 4	♥ J 7 6 2		
♥ None	♦ D 8 5 3 2		
♣ K 10 7 4 3	♣ Q 8		
5 4	7 2		
SOUTH			
♠ 10			
♥ A J 10 7 6			
♦ 5 2			
♣ K Q 10 8 3			
North and South vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	4 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠
Double	Pass	Pass	4 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead—♠ 4			

ter idea. If he could just get his partner in the lead he could ruff a heart. Therefore West pressed and opened the four of spades.

South played low from dummy without stopping to think the situation over and East put on the jack.

East was flabbergasted when it held, but not too flabbergasted to lead back a heart for a ruff.

Of course, South had no reason not to play the queen of spades from dummy at trick one, but just how many of you readers would have fallen into the same trap?

♥♦CARD Sense♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass
You, South, hold:
A A 2 W A K 10 5 4 A Q 8 5 4 3 2
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. You have shown a very big hand. Now keep the bidding low and get more information below the same level.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner rebids to four diamonds. What do you do now?
Answer: Tomorrow

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Teddy's One Wish

—He Wants To Be Able To Fly Like A Bird—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW WHAT I'd like to do," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, to his friends Knarf, the Shadow with the Turned-About Neck, and to Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, "is to fly like a bird."

"Fly like what kind of a bird, Teddy?" asked Knarf.

Doesn't know

"Why," said Teddy looking suddenly surprised, "I don't know what kind of a bird. Any kind of a bird, I guess." Knarf shook his head.

"That's no good," he said. "Is it, Hi?"

"Nope," agreed Hiawatha. "Some birds can't fly any more than a fat bear can. Chickens can't fly. Cattle can't fly. They're birds, I betcha."

"That's just what I meant," Knarf said to Teddy. "It's no use being any kind of a bird. You've got to be one kind of a bird, a bird that can fly."

Puzzling to Teddy

This was puzzling to Teddy who had always thought that all birds could fly.

"All right," he finally said, smiling at his two friends who were sitting beside him under a blooming lilac bush, "what kind of a bird should I be?"

"Be a Robin," said Knarf. "All right, I'll be a Robin!" said Teddy delightedly. But his smile faded when Hiawatha said:

"You have to eat a Worm."

Eat Worms?

"Who has to eat a Worm? Me?" cried Teddy.

"Sure," said Hiawatha. "Oh no! No! No! No!" cried Teddy.

"You can't be a Robin then," said Knarf.

"I don't want to be a Robin," said Teddy. "I'll be some other kind of bird."

"Be a Sea Gull," said Knarf.



"You have to eat Worms," Hi told Teddy and Knarf.

Knarf said, "Lots of fish. All kinds of fish. That's what you eat all day long, fish."

"Oh no! I won't do it!" said Teddy. "If I've got to eat fish I won't be a Sea Gull!"

"Be an Owl," said Knarf. "Be an Owl!" said Hiawatha, nodding his head.

Teddy let himself begin to smile again. But then he quickly stopped the smile from getting any bigger.

"Do I have to eat a Worm if I'm an Owl?" he said.

"No," said Knarf.

"Do I have to eat fish?" Teddy asked, still doubtful.

"No, if you're an Owl you don't have to eat fish," Knarf replied.

"You have to stay awake all night if you're an Owl," Hiawatha suddenly said.

"Huh?" Teddy asked. "When do I sleep?"

"In the daytime," said Hiawatha. "You sleep when everybody is awake, and you're awake when everybody is asleep."

"But I don't want to stay awake all night and sleep all day!" wailed Teddy. "Can't I be an Owl without doing that?"

Can't be an Owl

Poor Teddy! He couldn't be an Owl, either.

Finally, after a great deal of trouble, Teddy decided to be a Canary.

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Faced with a difficult problem, don't act without fully understanding the facts involved and assembling all available information.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): The temporary visit of an older person may impose an unusually heavy financial burden on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you leave your travel arrangements to others, you are liable to come up against some annoying delays.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): On being asked for your frank opinion, you should be careful to use tact and avoid hurting anyone unduly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An unexpected invitation from the head of your organization will dispel any misgivings you may have had about having fallen out of favour.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): If you meet indifference to your request for greater efficiency, either make a change in your assistant or put him on trial after a good talk.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A special promotional scheme may prove to have been a waste of time, but is of value in giving you ex-

perience for a future more successful attempt.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): As you are approaching the end of the first quarter of the year, take a little time off to view your achievements to date and to make plans for the months ahead.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): If you are asked to help a colleague in his preparations for a sudden transfer, do so cheerfully even though it may mean the sacrifice of some of your leisure hours.

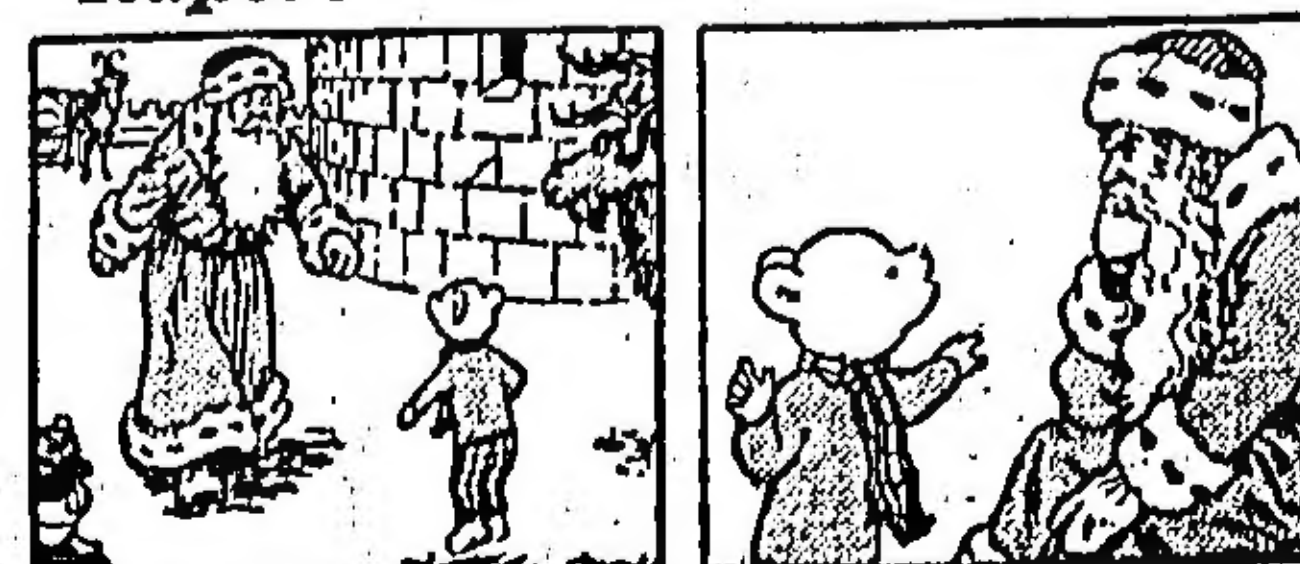
SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't let the playful banter of some of your colleagues spoil a budding romance for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): If you are asked to comment on a pet scheme by a superior, be diplomatic and don't criticize it just for the sake of being different.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Even though you may have nothing special to celebrate, dress up and go out for an evening of fun to relieve the pressure of the past few weeks.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the NINE of HEARTS.

Rupert and the Windies—35



As the little guard is speaking a tall figure strides round a tower so suddenly that he makes Rupert jump. It is Santa Claus himself. "What's happening now?" he exclaims. "All my plans have gone wrong. Who's this? Why is Rupert from Nutwood in here?"

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Blarney Stone rugby begins today

FULL PROGRAMME OF FIRST ROUND SEVEN-A-SIDE MATCHES AT CLUB GROUND

By PAK LO

With the start of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Tournament, the beginning of the end of the Hongkong rugby season is in sight.

The first round of the Sevens which will be played off this evening starting at 5.00 p.m., will be followed by the second round tomorrow evening, and on Saturday the quarter, semi-finals and Final will be played in the evening under the floodlights at the Club stadium.

Also scheduled for Saturday is the Final of the FARELF Inter-Unit Knockout Competition with the 2nd New Zealand Regiment, who are up here from Singapore taking on our local 1st Lancashire.

From the notes already received here on the New Zealanders, it would appear that the Lanes have little chance, and this New Zealand team on paper should be capable of taking on the Colony, but of this more anon.

This FARELF final is the reason why the Lanes, one of the top favourites for the Blarney Stone Shield have had to drop out of the tournament. Their regiment is, or will be on exercise on Saturday, and the CO has permitted those players who will be taking part in the FARELF Final to absent themselves. However it is considered impossible to permit any other members of the Regiment to avoid the exercise, and the Lanes could hardly be expected

to play in the FARELF Final and the Sevens on one and the same day.

There have been one or two alterations from the original fixtures. With Commander Gansom, the Navy representative leaving the Colony at the weekend, and the Gambia being sent elsewhere, and not scheduled to return until the 26th or 27th, it looked for a while as if the Navy would have to back out. However, the new Navy representative quickly got things in hand, and though all the Gambia games are off, it has been possible to produce from the ships in harbour a Tamar "B" side who will take Gambia "D's" place and play against the Ramblers.

Request

It may be that the Navy will be able to find yet another seven, and the organisers have agreed that if they do so the Sevens may take over one of the Gambia Seven's games. With the Gambia "A", "B", and "C" sides being scratched, the organisers request that all other teams make an effort to be on the ground as far in advance as possible, so that the First Round may continue with as little interruption as possible.

The 20th Indep Recce Flt, have had to cancel their match, but as they were pitted against Gambia "C" this makes little difference. The Club "C" has become the HKRNVF as they could not find sufficient players, and had to borrow some from the HKRNVF. As all the players are members, this change of name seems a sensible thing to do.

The big question is who will win? Predictions at this stage are extremely dangerous, having one stated some years ago that the Welsh Regiment had little hope, only to find the final was between Welsh "A" and Welsh "B".

Picking a winner is almost an impossibility, but selecting the semi-finalists is easier. Both Club "A" and Police "A" should make the bottom half of the draw as semi-finalists, while 32nd Medium "A" should be one of the other semi-finalists.

New Zealanders

Of the others, the obvious one would have been the Lanes but as they are out there is a strong possibility that the other team will be the Sappers.

Now some news of the New Zealanders. Practically all their players have played at one time or another for the major teams in New Zealand. Their greatest strength lies in the backs where Blake is in the centre of the three or, as they prefer to call him, a second five-eighths. He represented the NZ Maoris in 1958 as well as playing for the Bay of Plenty province, the NZ Services, and Combined Services.

His partner, the stand-off or first five-eighths, McAndrew, was picked for the NZ Maoris in 1959, and played a brilliant game for Wanganui against the Lions in their tour of New Zealand last year.

International badminton

England beat New Zealand 4-3 in a women's international badminton match here tonight. England lost the three singles but won the four doubles.—Reuter.

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WEMBLEY it's a name too big to die

By DESMOND HACKETT

WEMBLEY STADIUM, the first name in sports arenas, was last week sought after by television — the instrument which has closed the greatest sporting centres in the world.

The 100,000-capacity Wembley was required only for the Cup Final, the England and Scotland match, and the top-line games with the greatest teams in international soccer.

It was clear that four big dates a year and the greyhound audiences could not keep Wembley in business.

For look at the fate of other legendary arenas in America and Britain.

Weeds

I have seen arenas go under the dust shrouds all over the world. New York's Madison Square is becoming a musty mausoleum—yes, musty Madison Square which saw the greatest fights in the bloodily written history of boxing.

Weeds grow rankly on the terraces at Soldier's Field in Chicago where 107,000 people paid dollars worth around three-quarters of a million pounds to see Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey for the second time.

They are going to build flats on the Polo Ground where the New York Giants used to play. The Sugar Ray Robinson won back the world middleweight title from Randolph Turpin.

In London, Harringay Arena, once the big fight centre, is a food depot. Olympia and Earls Court are no longer the sports showgrounds for world title fights.

Memories

Wembley is too great a name to die. Just say the magic word "Wembley" and a million people all over the world will immediately start up: "I remember."

The memories could be the whooping and the lashing hooves of real live cowboys in the spectacular rodeos that went with the British Empire Exhibition in the roaring twenties.

The "White Horse" Cup Final of 1923—the first-ever at Wembley—is a legend. A quarter of a million people poured in and the gates were broken down. King George V was there to see Bolton beat Luton 2-0, and he refused advice to leave. A policeman on a white horse eventually cleared the pitch.

Every year F.A. secretary Sir Stanley Rous has demands for Cup Final tickets from at least a dozen people who say they "pode the white horse at Wembley."

There was greyhound racing and the immortal hound Mick the Miller ending his career by winning the St. Leger classic. Bookies lost a fortune and still cheered "Mick the Miracle."

Triumphs

The Stadium and Wembley Pool brought greatness to unknown sports like greyhound racing, speedway, ice hockey, table tennis, professional tennis, basketball, and six-day bicycle racing.

They came in their time and tens of thousands to watch the military tattoo, and in 1925 a grimly prophetic spectacle: "The Blitz of London" are remembered for the triumphs of the flying Dutch girl Fanny Blankers-Koen, who won three

gold medals and Emil Zatopek who won the 10,000 metres.

Probably the greatest revivals came to the religious revivals of Billy Graham.

Yes, just say Wembley and you have a memory. I never cease to feel a lump in my throat when the 100,000 choir sing "Abide With Me" on the big Soccer occasions. When it was suggested that this hymn should be omitted there was a national protest.

The day of shame

Say Wembley and you see the massed bands on the march. You remember 1923 and the Blue Devils of Scotland who became the Wembley wizards in 1923 when Alex James, Alan Morton, Alf Jackson became the great unforgettable footballers.

There was the day of national shame in 1953 when Ferenc Puskas and the magic Magyars of Hungary were the first-ever Continental team to win in England.

Maybe forgotten is the 1934 story when the Hungarian water polo team came to Wembley Pool unbeaten world champions for six years.

Police interport football

The Annual Interport football match between the Hongkong Police and the Macao Police will take place next Tuesday March 29, at the Hongkong Police Sports Association ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon at 5.30 p.m.

In Macao last year the Macao Police team won 4-2. On Thursday, March 31, a combined HK-Macao Police team will play against a Hongkong Chinese team selected by the Chinese Football Players' Fraternity Association. The kick-off is at 5.30 p.m.

By kind permission of the Commissioner of Police, the full Police Band, under Mr W. B. Foster, will be in attendance at both matches.

Chris Chataway now a father

London, Mar. 22. Christopher Chataway, the youthful Conservative Member of Parliament who was a leading track and field star several years ago, is the father of a baby boy.

The infant, born on Monday night, weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Chataway said he and his wife Anna, had not yet decided on a name "but we have thought of Andrew."

FOURTH GAME OF WORLD TITLE CHESS SERIES DRAWN

Moscow, Mar. 22.

The fourth game in the World Championship chess series between Mikhail Botvinnik and Mikhail Tahl ended in a draw on the 41st move, Tass announced tonight.

The game began at a fast pace, with champion Mikhail Botvinnik following an original approach against challenger Mikhail Tahl, Tass reported.

After the first three fast moves, the Nimzo-Indian defence, Botvinnik, however, forced Tahl to exchange minor pieces immediately, and by the 12th move a "calm position" had developed with white retaining the initiative in the opening.

Thereafter, developments disappointed the numerous spectators. Instead of trying to attack, Botvinnik advanced his bishop to G5 on the 17th move.

He then spent 35 minutes pondering Tahl's move — Queen to second file—which surprised all the grandmasters who analysed the game later. It was suggested that Botvinnik attempted a psychological probe to see whether his opponent would accept a fight. Tahl boldly accepted the challenge.

Exciting

However, the continuation Botvinnik selected — the exchange of Queens and minor pieces — compelled Tahl to play very accurately in the ending.

The concluding stage of the struggle was exciting. Champion Botvinnik had a sound position but was pressed for time. Botvinnik's chances seemed better because Tahl's Knight was temporarily shunted from the main theatre of operation.

International chessmaster Thaur Petrosyan said Botvinnik could have complicated Tahl's defence problem on the 28th move after the exchange of Rooks (instead of making the Knight move). However, the competitors reached a point where Botvinnik now had to fight for a draw.

Tahl demonstrated phenomenal speed in calculating difficult variations. At the time the board of referees registered the draw, Tahl still had 40 minutes in hand.

Tahl now leads after four games by a score of 2½ points to Botvinnik's 1½.

The fifth game will be played on March 24 when Tahl will have the white.

The moves

The moves in the match were (Botvinnik plays white, Tahl plays black):

1. D4, Knight F3; 2. C4, E5; 3. Knight C3, Bishop B4; 4. A3, Bishop B4; 5. Knight C3, Bishop B4; 6. Knight C3, Bishop B4; 7. C takes D; 8. Knight E2, Knight D3; 9. Knight E2, Knight D3; 10. Knight G3, Bishop G6; 11. Bishop D3, C3; 12. Castles King side, Rook E2; 13. Rook E1, Queen C7; 14. Bishop takes Bishop G6; 15. Knight G6; 16. C takes D4; 17. Rook A-C3; 18. Bishop G6, Queen C7; 19. Knight G6, Queen C7; 20. Knight G6, Queen C7; 21. Knight E2, Rook C2; 22. King E1, G3; 23. Rook D-C1; 24. Knight E2, Rook C2; 25. Rook B1, D8; 26. Rook D3, F takes D3; 27. Knight E2, Rook C2; 28. Knight D4, King F3; 29. Knight E2, Rook C2; 30. Knight E2, Rook C2; 31. King D3, Knight G1; 32. Rook D3, Knight G1; 33. Knight E2, Rook C2; 34. Knight E2, Rook C2; 35. Knight E2, Rook C2; 36. Knight E2, Rook C2; 37. Knight E2, Rook C2; 38. Knight E2, Rook C2; 39. Knight E2, Rook C2; 40. Knight E2, Rook C2; 41. Knight E2, Rook C2. (Drawn by agreement.)—AP.

Australia wins unofficial Test against NZ

Wellington, Mar. 22. The Australian eleven won the unofficial Test series against New Zealand when the fourth and final match was drawn at Auckland today.

Australia won the third Test. The first two were drawn. New Zealand were lucky to save off defeat today and all the honours of the match went to the Australians.

Australia who were 58 for no wicket overnight declared their second innings at 105 for one a quarter of an hour after lunch, leaving New Zealand to get 284 runs to win in 215 minutes.

The stumps were beyond them and at Auckland they were struggling to avoid defeat. Summarised scores were:

Australia—381 (R. Maddocks 122 not out, B. Booth 59, A. R. McGibbon 40 for 71) and 105 for one (R. Simpson 65, I. Craig 35).

New Zealand—203 (K. Slater 40 for 39, I. Craig 35 for 37) and 149 for eight (J. W. Gray 29, S. N. McGregor 28).—Reuter.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

This London League game, won by A. Zehnder, of Richmond, is a probably the quickest of the season, and illustrates a trap in Philidor's Defence worth remembering. 1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 Kt-K3, B-K2; 3 P-Q4, B-K2; 4 B-Q3, P-Q3; 5 P-K3, Kt-K3; 6 P-Q4, B-K2; 7 Q-Q3 (Q-Q3 is correct, preventing White's combination); 8 P-Q4, B-K2; 9 Kt-K3, B-K2; 10 P-Q5, QxKtP; 11 B-B3.

Solution No. 5789: 1 Q-Q2, BxR d4, ch; 2 QxR, or 1 B-B6 d4, ch; 2 R-K12; 3 Q4, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 2 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 3 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 4 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 5 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 6 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 7 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 8 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 9 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 10 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 11 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 12 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 13 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 14 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 15 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 16 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 17 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 18 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 19 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 20 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 21 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 22 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 23 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 24 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 25 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 26 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 27 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 28 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 29 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 30 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 31 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 32 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 33 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 34 R-K12, or 1 P-B4 d4, ch; 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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1960.

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10 years for manslaughter

KILLED WORKMAN WITH FILE WHILE DRUNK

After fighting with one neighbouring worker while in a state of intoxication, an electroplater left, returned in 10 minutes with a file and stabbed and killed another workman.

At the Criminal Session this morning, the man, Chung Yau-hing, 39, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Macfay said, "In a state of intoxication, you have taken the life of a man, but it is even more tragic when one realises that it was not the man he had intended to assault, but someone else quite innocent."

In mitigation, Mr Terence Shurlock, defence counsel, asked the Court to take into consideration the state of accused's intoxication at the time and the fact that accused really believed that he was defending himself. Mr D. N. E. Rea, Acting Principal Crown Counsel, said the accused worked in an electroplating factory in Maldstone Lane. On the evening of December 18, last year, the factory proprietor gave a feast to the workers.

Heavy Drinker

Accused was known to be a heavy drinker, but he had had more than usual on this occasion. After the feast, the accused went to a neighbouring factory and had a quarrel with an apprentice. The apprentice, Cheung Kam-ming, challenged him to a fight, but he ran away. That evening, they met again and accused started to assault Cheung. "But in fact, he got the worst of the fight and was beaten by this apprentice," Mr Rea said. Shortly afterwards, the accused returned carrying a file. He approached another workman, Wong Chuk-lam, and stabbed him twice in the back.

Wong stumbled and died almost immediately. Mr Rea said there was no animosity between the accused and the deceased.

After the stabbing, the accused was put under control by other workers and the normal course of calling police and ambulance followed.

Cautioned

In a cautioned statement, the accused said he was drunk and that he was defending himself. He also said two days previously, he had driven off workers of the neighbouring factory because they went to his factory to take a bath. The accused was originally charged with murdering Wong Chuk-lam. This morning, his plea to a charge of manslaughter was accepted by the Prosecution.

Traffic accidents

A man and a woman were injured in traffic accidents in Hongkong yesterday. Both were admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

Kwok Wan-tai, aged 73, of No. 103 Connaught Road West, 2nd floor, was knocked down by a bus in Des Voeux Road West near Water Street. The woman, 40-year-old Lee Siu-ngar of No. 5 Kam Wah Street, ground floor, was struck by a private car in King's Road near the State Theatre.

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Judge's wife helps rickshaw man to a new life

AFTER 20 years of a painful pulling, a rickshaw man has transported himself to a desk job, an easier life, a more secure future. And his smiles have earned him all this.

Cheung Chou, 48, a native of Waichow, Kwangtung Province, was a farmer when he decided to come to Hongkong in 1940 to "try his luck," as he puts it. "Here, there was little I could do so I became a rickshaw puller," the tall, wiry rickshaw man said yesterday. But almost from the start, luck was on his side. "I had hardly begun to make a modest living when trouble began in my left leg," he said. "It swelled and pained me terribly but I kept on pulling. The swelling would subside after some treatment, only to rise again as I picked up business on the road."



Left to right: Mrs. Joyce Martin, President of the Catholic Women's League, Mrs. Dorothy Pickering, member of the league, and Cheung Chou.

Coin wanted

In time, Cheung Chou's ailment was diagnosed as elephantiasis. But he grimly kept to his work, which was earning him about \$160 a month, and the family was increasing as the wheels turned each year. Early this year, Cheung Chou was at his beat near the Cable & Wireless office when a lady drove up. "I usually park my car near there," said Mrs. Dorothy Pickering, wife of the District Court Judge.

"My attention was first drawn to Cheung Chou when I found myself without a fifty-cent coin for the parking meter. But there was this rickshaw man beckoning to me with a coin, his face wreathed in smiles. Mrs. Pickering accepted the coin and took Cheung Chou's rickshaw on her shopping rounds. And this rickshaw man has since found Mrs. Pickering a regular patron.

Doctor's advice

Soon, Mrs. Pickering noticed the limp in Cheung Chou's leg. Inquiring, she learned of the rickshaw man's ailment and was touched by his courage and endurance. A member of the Catholic Women's League, Mrs. Pickering contacted Mrs. Joyce Martin, the League's president.

The two enlisted the aid of the League's welfare officers to help the rickshaw man. They had Cheung Chou examined by a doctor, who advised Cheung Chou to leave his rickshaw job or his leg would have to be amputated one day. The League also helped out with a small subsidy for Cheung Chou, his wife and their five children.

Then Mrs. Pickering got on to Mr. A. P. Moore, Managing Director of Asian Football Pools, who was immediately impressed by both Cheung Chou's cheerfulness and his valiant determination to support himself, and his family despite his handicap. Mr. Moore checked through the Asian Pools staff vacancies list and soon Cheung Chou was

PCs plead not guilty to corruption

Two constables pleaded not guilty to corruption before Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The Magistrate fixed hearing for May 5 and 6. Defendants are Yeung Fung, 30, of 311 "E" Block, Li Cheng Uk Resettlement Area, and Ip Ho, 31, of 130 Tam Kung Road, first floor. They are alleged to have corruptly received \$20 from Tsang Kau, a man under police supervision, as a reward for the showing favour in connection with a charge of Tsang's address on March 14. Detective Sub-Inspector Ma Kwong-ye of the Anti-Corruption Branch told the Court that there would be nine witnesses for the Prosecution. The constables are on bail of \$200 each.

LADY BASTYAN VISITING WRAC

Lady Bastyan, wife of the Commander British Forces, will visit the girls of 22 Independent Platoon, WRAC, at Colvin House, Victoria Barrack, tomorrow afternoon. The quarters were opened by Lady Bastyan in 1958. She will be accompanied by Capt. M. G. Campbell, Officer Commanding 22 Independent Platoon.

Sightseeing in India



RITA DIVECHA

Rita Divecha daughter of well-known Hongkong identity pictured shortly after her arrival by Air India this morning. Rita has spent the last 12 months in India on a sightseeing tour. She said that she has never been so fascinated by so many sights in such a short time. She added that she would like to return as soon as she gets a chance.

Confiscation of tobacco and opium

Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning granted an application for the confiscation of 1,080 lbs. of Chinese prepared tobacco and 70,000 Macao cigarettes seized by Revenue officers at Lam Tong Bay, Tung Lung Island on Saturday afternoon. The Magistrate also granted another similar application for the forfeiture of 3 lbs 7 oz of raw opium seized by Revenue officers on board the as Michael Jensen at Buoy B-18 in Victoria Harbour on March 12. The applications were made by Revenue Inspector K. K. Leung.

Replies to correspondents: A.F.: Illegible; no name, no signature, no address.

KAI TAK PARADE



The parade ground was littered with caps blown off by a high wind at Kai Tak this morning. This picture shows a group of marching men, with one NCO cap-less, at the march past before the AOC's Annual Inspection, at Kai Tak. — China Mail photo.

Air-Commodore P. L. Donkin, Air Officer Commanding, carried out his annual inspection of the RAF station, Kai Tak, this morning. Before the inspection, there was a ceremonial parade at which 130 men under the command of Wing-Commander R. C. Rothman, Station Commander, Kai Tak, marched past the saluting base. The Band of the Hongkong Regiment was in attendance.

Man falls 100 feet to his death

A man fell about 100 feet to his death from the Oi Kwan Building in Pottinger Street last night. His body crashed on top of a car parked in the street below. The man, aged about 30, was in a white shirt, grey woollen vest, blue trousers and black shoes. Beside an open window on the sixth floor was a table on which were found a black coat, and a pair of glasses, supposed to have been left behind by the man. He has not yet been identified. Police investigations are proceeding.

Appeals dismissed

Three men, serving seven-year prison terms for robbery with aggravation, had their appeals dismissed by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice J. H. Gregg and Mr. Justice C. W. Rees in the Full Court this morning. The three men, Cheung Ching-pang, Lau Wing and Lau Tung, asked that their sentences might start from the date of arrest and not the date of conviction. They said they had been remanded for more than seven months. Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel, who opposed the appeals, pointed out that the seven months delay had been of their own making. Lau Tung and a fourth accused, Cheung Fei, who was not appealing, had escaped from custody while on their way to criminal proceedings, and had been at large for some time. Their appeals were dismissed.

Memorable concert by Eileen Joyce

By D. E. GRAY

FOR a great many people in Hongkong, last night was a memorable one; for it was the first time they had heard Eileen Joyce, pianist, in a live performance.

That her recordings have been enthusiastically listened to and requested by the public here for broadcast over radio stations, for a number of years is well known—and on this her first appearance in Hongkong, her admirers turned out in strength to do homage, and were held in thrall.

In every recital by a distinguished artist there is usually some item or items the performance of which stand out head and shoulders above all others. If I may be permitted to make such a selection of the programme last night, I would choose Chopin's Grande Valse Brillante, Debussy's Rhapsody in C Major No. 3, and probably best of all, Schumann's Dedication. These were magnificently played, particularly the first and last. Miss Joyce went straight to the hearts of everyone in these numbers.

The Grande Valse (Schumann called it "Chopin's body-and-soul-inspiring valse") I have never heard played so like a dance in true strict waltz rhythm yet retaining all the beauty of the dance poem. It is a long time since Hongkong has listened to such exquisite pianissimo playing, particularly in the right hand. This was the outstanding feature of her playing.

Her feather-like touch of notes at times produced an ethereal whisper which could be heard at least half-way back in the hall, and was a weapon which, in her hands contributed to the production of the most varied tonal contrasts. Tonal contrast was the order of the day right from the beginning of the recital, which started with two Scarlatti Sonatas and a Haydn Sonata. I liked the Haydn very much, but I wonder if the tonal con-

trasts were not too pronounced in the Scarlatti. One thinks of these things as being played throughout the years on the harpsichord only, but here of course we are back to the old story: how would Scarlatti have played them if he had a modern grand piano at his elbow?

And that takes me to the Beethoven Appassionata Sonata, the main work in the first half of the programme. I am going to be quite frank and say I did not like the interpretation of this great music.

There were fine moments in the second movement, but the Allegro and the last movement left me completely cold. It has been said that women should not play the Appassionata—as a woman, I have to agree with them but there may be something in it. Perhaps a more likely explanation is that Miss Joyce, at the piano (the best piano available for concert work in Hongkong today) said to herself this instrument cannot do the Appassionata as I think it should be done, and therefore I will not ask it to do so.

However this did nothing to mar a very fine evening. If I might single out another item in the second half which was so beautifully done that it brought the heart up in the throat, it was the "Maiden and the Nightingale," by Grieg. For the past four years the Music Society of Hongkong has brought a steadily increasing stream of distinguished artists to the Colony, and once again we are indebted to them for bringing Eileen Joyce, who will be heard again on Friday evening in "Lola" (Verdi), to a completely different programme.

From the Files 25 years ago

THE question of the necessity of a barracks in Hongkong for the housing of three British battalions was raised in the House of Commons today in the course of a debate on the Army estimates.

Mr. Clement Attlee, Labour, declared there was a plan involving the expenditure of £2,250,000, ostensibly to provide accommodation for about 3,000 men.

Mr. Douglas Hacking, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the War Office replying, pointed out that all this was in the future and no definite decision had yet been reached.

In Hongkong, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding British Troops, Major General O. J. Barrett, informed a Press representative that the £2½ millions was required for the replacement of the temporary huts in which the troops were accommodated at Shamshui at present, by permanent buildings on some other site. The Colonial Government required the present site of the Camp for extending the residential area of Kowloon.

He pointed out that at Catterick, Egypt, Singapore and other places where there was a British garrison such substitution of permanent brick barracks for temporary huts had already taken place. Hongkong was now being considered.

Out of the confusion arising from Germany's abrogation of the military clauses in the Treaty of Versailles, the most significant development yesterday was the announcement that the French Foreign Minister, M. Laval is being sent on a visit to Moscow.

He will arrive in time for an informal three Power conference with Mr. Anthony Eden and Soviet leaders. It is suggested that an Eastern European Pact of Military Assistance will be pushed forward by France and Russia. Germany will not be invited to sign.

Great Britain has despatched a strongly worded note to Germany, protesting against the creation of a conscript army and at the flagrant flouting of the Treaty of Versailles. The German attitude is bland and conciliatory.

Sir John Simon is to make his planned visit to Berlin and Germany extends a welcome. It is foreshadowed that Germany may re-enter the League of Nations.

Some circles in Washington predict that the German move will precipitate war with Russia, with Poland and Japan allied with the Reich, and other nations allied with Russia.

Expansion of French bank

The new Central Building premises of the Hongkong branch of the Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie, opened today.

The manager of the new branch, M. Jean Girard, was host to Hongkong bankers, businessmen and Government officials at a cocktail party from noon to 1 p.m. Another big cocktail party is to be held between 4 and 5 p.m.

M. Girard, who has been the bank's representative here for two years, said the increasing activity of the bank in Hongkong had made the establishment of a branch office necessary.

He said the bank has 1,250 branches and affiliations throughout the world.